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1. EMBOFF WHO RECEIVED LIST OF TWELVE NAMES FROM SRV
FIRST SECRETARY SHOULD ARRANGE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MEETING
WITH HIS CONTACT.

2. EMBOFF SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING TO SRV EMBOFF: THE
USG CONSIDERS THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE VIETNAMESE
TO BE A POSITIVE STEP BUT CONTINUES TO EXPECT THAT WE
WILL BE PROVIDED AS FULL AN ACCOUNTING AS POSSIBLE
FOR ALL OF OUR MISSING MEN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

3. IN ADDITION EMBOFF SHOULD SEEK INFORMATION ON HOW SRV
PROPOSES TO RETURN THE BODIES OF THOSE JUST IDENTIFIED
AS DECEASED. BEYOND THIS EXCHANGE EMBOFF SHOULD NOT
COMMENT OR ENGAGE IN ANY SPECULATIVE DISCUSSION.

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4. FOLLOWING IS PRESS STATEMENT BEING ISSUED HERE WITH
REGARD TO SRV ANNOUNCEMENT OF LIST:

BEGIN QUOTE:

WE ARE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED,
AND CONSIDER IT A POSITIVE STEP. THE LIST GIVEN TO
US HOWEVER DEALS ONLY WITH A SMALL PORTION OF THE MANY
HUNDREDS OF OUTSTANDING CASES OF MEN MISSING IN ACTION
IN INDOCHINA. WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE VIETNAMESE
WISH TO TRADE ON THE MISERY OF AMERICAN FAMILIES, AND
THEREFORE WE CALL UPON THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES
TO PROVIDE AS FULL AN ACCOUNTING AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL
OF OUR MISSING MEN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

END QUOTE.

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